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Welcome to the Nevada Government Communications Conference, and **thank** you for participating.

Recent and ongoing events around the world have brought major security concerns to **our** state. In addressing these concerns, it is clear that communications is a key component. The ability of government employees to instantly access and share information has never been more important to the security of our citizens.

However, the monetary means to purchase new and more communications infrastructure is limited. As you know, Nevada is struggling with a financial crisis just like other states, so we must make every dollar count. The need to cooperate and share in use of existing resources and efficiently plan for future development is critical. Nevada taxpayers expect and deserve no less.

I have tasked Terry Savage, State CIO, to chair a representational committee on communications. The Nevada Government Communication Conference is a defining point of this work.

Now I ask you, as government representatives knowledgeable on Nevada's needs, to help develop this committee, develop consensus, and develop a framework toward a communication plan for our state.

Again, thank you for participating in this important endeavor.

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